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| REASON BENEATH THE SURFACE <br> Wherever Germany manifests an unusual desire to take territory from other powers, it is well to look underneath the surface. Almost invariably it will be found that in that particular territory is contained one or more elements to ve used in the amiable plan of forcible Germanizing of the world. Alsace-Lorraine furnishes an illustration. <br> Less than a year ago an eminent German scientist, Prof. Oswald, boasted that in its monopoly of potash Germany had a lever with which it could force favorable peace terms from its enemies. Speaking of the United States, he said that there was a noose around our neck, "and the free end of the rope was in Germany's hands." No one can doubt that the professor, in his innocence, reveals the heart and mind of Germany. <br> It is true that Germany has had a monopoly in the known deposits of potash. In the past this monopoly has been most selfishly maintained to screw the last possible bit of advantage for Germany's benefit. Our agrieultural, metallurgical and chemteal induetries have severely felt the pinch since the war. Efforts are being put forth to develop our resources, but the supply is still inadequate. | Prussian beds. From the German point of view it would be a calamity to permit such a vital necessity to pass into French hands, through whom the world might be supplied. Authorities on military matters have speculated on the waste of life at Verdun. They have never been able to see how a victory there could be worth its cost. Perhaps it would not, so far as destroying the French army is concerned; but deep beneath the surface of that whole region lie at least three good reasons for making Verdun a German cemetery. One of those reasons is the necessity of controlling the world supply of potash as a means toward writing that blessed name "Germania" clear [across the map.-Wall Street Journal. <br> FOR SALE. <br> 2 Ford cars, 1 large car suitable for truck; 1 Harley-Davidson motorcycle; 1 Excelsior motorcycle; 1 Chople Gas Engine. Inquire of J. E. Mason, at Plattsmouth Garage. 1-19-tfd\&w. <br> For Sale- 10 head of coming 3-year-old mares and geldings, average weight 1400 lbs . Green broke. The kind you want. Inquire of J. P. Falter or Chas. L. Parmele, Plattsmouth. $\qquad$ 1-26-2 wksd\&w <br> "Tine Red Cross may bring him back to you." |
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